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THE MACH READ

Center golf tournament set for Aug. 5

The inaugural Warner Robins Air Logistic Command Commander's Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 5, with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The game format will be a four-person team, best ball scramble with net and gross divisions. Teams must have USGA handicap. If they don't have a USGA handicap they should provide their average score.

Cost is \$35 for Pine Oaks annual green fee players and \$40 for guests, and includes golf cart, green fee, range balls, barbecue lunch, beverages on the course and prizes. The lunch will be available at 11 a.m., and the tournament will conclude with an awards presentation.

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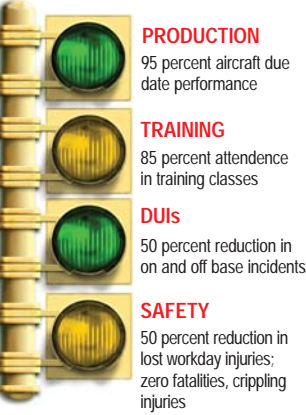
Base elementary school registration going on now

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children in Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. School starts Aug. 9. For more information, call the school at 926-5003.

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ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



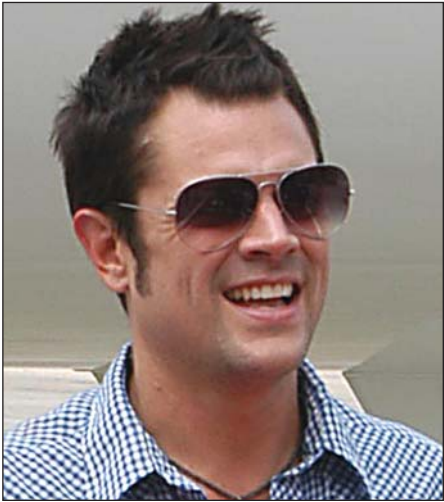
WHAT IT MEANS
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of July 27.
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Yeehaw!



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON
From left, Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson, director Jay Chandrasehr and producer Billy Gerber answer questions from the audience at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight hangar Tuesday.



From Hazzard to Houston, Dukes visit Robins

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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The General Lee took a back seat to Robins' Airmen and their families as they welcomed the stars of "The Dukes of Hazzard," an upcoming movie based on the 1980s television series, during a promotional tour here Tuesday.

During the stop, Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott and Jessica Simpson, along with producer Billy Gerber and director Jay Chandrasehr

hosted a free advance screening of the movie and spent time with servicemembers and their families.

"I think it's nice that they took time out of their busy schedules to show their support for the families," said Amy Toellner wife of Technical Sgt. Jeffrey Toellner a deployed member of the 78th Security Forces Squadron. "It really means a lot."

Ashley Toellner, 10, and her sister Alyssa, 6, agreed with their mom.

"I think it's nice that they actually came here," said Ashley.

When the girls were asked who they were most excited to see they both said "probably Jessica Simpson."

While here, the group had a go in a 19th Air Refueling Group KC-135 simulator before taking a few minutes one-on-one with the masses in two question

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Base tragedy sheds light on need to be a good wingman

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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A former civilian employee here forced the evacuation of Building 215 July 22 when he entered the Air Logistics Center Headquarters carrying a 9 mm handgun.

He later died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

That tragic turn of events has shown Team Robins that being a good wingman doesn't begin or end when time cards are punched.

And no matter what the issue, there are on-base agencies in place to help guide troubled individuals toward resolution.

"This is a tragic event that happened here last week," Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said. "We all need to be good wingmen and take care of our fellow Airmen, and I include our civilians when I use this term. There are a number of agencies

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Nancy Manley is the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight chief. She has been recognized with numerous professional awards.

Engineer named tops by ASCE

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While most of her fellow 4-year-old friends were busy playing with Barbie and G.I. Joe, Nancy Manley was planning her future. The 778th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight chief said she knew early on what she wanted to do with her life.

"I always knew I'd be either a scientist or an engineer," she said. "But somewhere

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Robins marks U-2's 50th year

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins has something to celebrate.

The base will commemorate the 330th Command and Control Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Group's (ISRG) 50th anniversary of the U-2S "Dragon Lady" with events at Robins from Tuesday through Aug. 5.

The aircraft, due to arrive at Robins from Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale, Calif., Tuesday afternoon, will be on display at the flightline Wednesday, to give the Center's senior staff and other base officials at Robins a glimpse of the reconnaissance aircraft.

Linda King, program manager with the 330th ISRG's distributed common ground systems, said the static display for 330 ISRG families will be held at the JSTARS Hangar on Wednesday.

"They'll go down to the flightline and tour the aircraft," she said. "From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., families of people who work at the 330th ISRG and attending distinguished visitors will tour the static display. Lockheed Martin will be running video for

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WR-ALC ready for Shingo evaluators

78th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs

Next week a group of six Shingo evaluators will arrive at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to determine if it should be one of the first ever public industries to receive the prestigious award.

At 8:30 a.m. today, a pep rally kickoff will take place between docks 1 and 2 in Building 125, to get those involved in the site visit pumped up for next week's visit.

The Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, unofficially known as the "Nobel Prize of Manufacturing," is being opened to the public sector for the first time this year. It recognizes and promotes an awareness of Lean manufacturing concepts and recognizes companies that achieve world-class manufacturing status.

But George Faldine, Center Plans and Programs director,

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SLOW DOWN ► 477 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

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U.S. Air Force photo by GEOFF JANES
‘Dukes of Hazzard’ star Jessica Simpson signs an autograph at the Family Support Center Tuesday.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON
Airman Samantha Ford and Airman Shera Galloway, both of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, talk to Seann William Scott Tuesday.



U.S. Air Force photo by GEOFF JANES
‘Dukes of Hazzard’ star Johnny Knoxville signs an autograph at the Family Support Center Tuesday.

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and answer sessions. Between the two sessions, the visitors made a stop at the Smith Community Center Ballroom where they held an autograph and photo session with families of deployed Airmen.

“We wanted to come out and support the troops,” said Johnny Knoxville who plays Luke Duke in the new movie. “They’re laying their lives on the line every day to protect us, and we just wanted to come see them and show them how much we love them and care.”

The promotional tour is presented by the United Service

Organizations and Warner Brothers Pictures, and its next stop was Dallas where they planned to visit Fort Hood.

“I’m having a ball,” said Mr. Knoxville. “We got to go on the simulator and see all of the planes and the troops. This is really great.”

The movie opens nationwide Aug. 5.

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available to help - whether you’re military or civilian, we can get you help.”

One of those agencies is the Employee Assistance Program, or EAP.

Lynn Irvine, EAP consultant and licensed therapist, said the program is confidential and a short-term solution-focused counseling service offered to civilians and any member of their household.

The Air Force-sponsored initiative began in October 2002, and offers Air Force civil service employees and their families counseling services for career and personal issues at no cost.

Civilian employees and their families can receive up to six counseling sessions per situation.

“They receive the same services here that they would receive if they went to an off base therapist or counselor,” said Ms. Irvine.

The service and its military counterpart at Life Skills are just two ways those who need help can get it. But while seeking aid on one’s own is an option, it may not always be chosen.

“This is why it’s very important to be a good wingman,” said Ms. Irvine.

“You can’t force anyone on the civilian side to seek counseling, but people should not be afraid to report any concerns they may have about co-workers to their supervisors or to approach the co-worker they’re concerned about and simply say ‘I’m concerned I’ve noticed some changes in your behavior. Do you want to talk?’.”

Colonel Patterson agreed. “If a fellow employee makes suicidal gestures, it is a cry for help,” he said. “Take the time to get involved. It really could be the difference in life or death. With our Employee Assistance Program and our Life Skills Office, there is not a time, 24 hours a day that help isn’t available.”

Capt. Barbara Embry, a clinical psychologist with the Life Skills Support Center, said there are certain things good wing-

WHAT TO KNOW

The Employee Assistance Program is an Air Force-sponsored initiative which offers free counseling on job-related and personal issues that may affect the mental or emotional health of Robins’ civil service employees. A full-time contracted professional counselor is available to employees on an appointment basis, as well as through the program’s 24-hour hotline at 1(800) 222-0364. Information regarding EAP is available at www.foh.dhhs.gov or by visiting the Occupational Medicine Clinic in Building 207.

To get help dealing with any emotional issues due to a recent event or other issues, contact the chaplains at 926-2821 or Life Skills at 327-8398.

men should be on the look out for.

“If you see a co-worker or family member’s depression spiraling, and they begin to look dramatically different and their work and family performance has changed, you really need to seek some professional help to make sure they’re taken care of,” she said. “Often times as you slide into the more severe stages of depression, you see more of the suicidal or potentially homicidal, but usually suicidal type behavior. This is a very dangerous stage to be in.”

While depression can emerge for a variety of reasons, Captain Embry said traumatic experiences can be a trigger.

“Your basic physical, cognitive and emotional responses to going through a traumatic experience such as last week’s are quite similar to the vegetative symptoms, the physical and emotional symptoms of depression,” she said. “Symptoms can include sadness or irritable moods, changes in eating and sleeping patterns, a decrease in concentration or attention, a decrease in energy and not engaging in interests or hobbies.”

“When you see someone exhibiting these types of symptoms you should try to pick them up and get them active. With depression, one of the key things is activity. Get them out with friends. Get them exercising. If necessary pull them a little bit, but don’t take no as an answer.”

It doesn’t take a professional therapist or counselor to get the ball rolling toward recovery for a troubled individual. And another program available on base can help the average Joe spot and divert possi-

ble tragedies.

Bridget Zimmerman, said the Applied Suicide Intervention Training or ASIST program began three years ago and is like CPR for people at risk for suicide.

“If you had a CPR card and someone out in the street had a cardiac incident you’d probably be able to help them, right? Well, ASIST is a two-day class where we train the individuals attending to have more of a watchful eye, and if they see someone they even think might be at risk they wouldn’t be afraid to go up and ask them.”

Ms. Zimmerman, HAWC director and ASIST facilitator, said a lot of people have the misconception that if they were to directly ask someone if they’ve had thoughts of suicide it would put the idea in their head.

“Really the contrary is true,” she said. “It might give that person a release and let them see that they can talk to you without you freaking out.”

The program doesn’t teach its participants to be counselors, but it does teach them how to point the individual in the right direction.

The two-day, 16-hour training course is held at the Base Chapel and its dates are published on the Health and Wellness Center’s schedule.

“Instead of just ignoring a problem, it’s reaching out to them and not being afraid to say ‘have you ever thought of committing suicide?’” Ms. Zimmerman said. “The person may say ‘oh my God no,’ but, at least you know you’ve asked, and you’ve let them know they can confide in you.”

In its three years in existence the program has trained 212 people here.

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said there’s more to it than the processes.

“When a C-5 leaves this center providing critical airlift capability for DoD war fighters it’s not the organization or the process that produced the jet, it’s the people,” he said. “Dedicated people using truly Lean processes produce extraordinary results. The (Nike) commercial said, ‘Bo knows baseball.’ When the Shingo team leaves they’ll be saying, ‘C-5 people know Lean.’”

The Center’s submission for the prize focuses on the Lean process of the C-5 aircraft which undergoes programmed depot maintenance here.

“C-5 PDM is a great exam-

ple of proven, measurable results and how we have integrated Lean principles throughout maintenance and the Center,” said Chuck Shipes, 402nd Maintenance Wing change management specialist. “Lean initiatives within C-5, as well as other organizations at Robins, have stirred the interest and renewed commitment throughout the other depots.”

The Shingo team will evaluate various locations throughout the Center which are part of the C-5 workload. They will also look for significant advances made since the 100-page nomination package was submitted earlier this year.

Escorts and briefers who will be working with the evaluators have been busy preparing for the visit next week. Information has been updated

and areas reviewed to ensure the Center is ready.

The winners of this year’s Shingo prize will be announced at the Public Sector Conference and Awards Ceremony which will take place Oct. 3-7 in Norfolk, Va.

Past winners of the Shingo Prize in private industry include Ford Motors, Lockheed Martin and Lucent Technologies.

“I hope the Shingo team will realize that our people have applied Lean to C-5 and given this nation the advantage in the global war on terrorism,” Ken Purcell, 402nd MXW director, said. “In fact, I am sure that before they leave here they will realize those same people have now taken Lean to another level, and the maintenance repair overhaul industry can now come learn from C-5.”

ASCE

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before I was 4, I sort of looked at doing practical applications and not just pure research.”

That’s pretty heavy thinking for someone who hadn’t even gone to kindergarten yet, but that early planning has earned her a lifetime of accolades, the most recent of which is the 2005 Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers or ASCE.

The award recognizes a distinguished civil engineer employed in public service for his or her significant contribution to the engineering profession, and will be presented Oct. 27 at the leadership and management luncheon being held during the ASCE Annual Civil Engineering Conference in Los Angeles.

Ms. Manley, who is a co-recipient of the award, along side Gregory E. DiLoreto, Tualatin Valley Water District Ore., general manager, said she was surprised at the nomination by the Georgia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and even more so at the win.

“You can’t win an award like this by yourself or even with one team. It takes teams of teams,”

WHO TO KNOW

Nancy Manley has been recognized with numerous professional awards, including the Air Force’s Presidential Point of Light and Civilian Engineer of the Year awards, the Air Force Materiel Command’s Engineer of the Year Award three times, the Robins Engineer of the Year Award three times, the National Academy of Engineering’s Celebration of Women in Engineering Gallery of Women Engineers, and NSPE’s Federal Engineer of the Year Award, of which she was the first female recipient in the award’s 25-year history.

she said. “I’ve been very fortunate to have had some very good people around me. Keep your teams with your along the whole way because that’s what it takes to succeed.”

She urges women and other minorities to reach for their engineering dreams and not let anything hold them back.

“If they have the dream and they want to do this, then I say go for it,” she said. “When I started at Purdue University they said there was less than one tenth of one percent of women in engineering. Really, it was way less than that - they just did-

n’t define it any more. Now that figure has risen to approximately 10 percent.

“They should try because if they don’t go for it they’ll never do it,” she added. “But if they try there’s a very good chance that they can. There are a lot more support mechanisms out there today.”

At most universities with engineering schools there is a chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and other professional societies that can help, but that wasn’t always the case.

When she started with the Air Force 29 years ago, after downsizing at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, there were not many women in the field. When she applied for an open position as deputy base civil engineer, she was told not to get her hopes up, but to apply to get the experience.

“He was a friend of mine, and he wasn’t trying to be mean; he just didn’t want me to be disappointed,” she said. “He said that in our lifetime we wouldn’t see a female deputy because the change was so slow.”

Well the tide rolled in and she got the job as the first female deputy base engineer in the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

“We don’t have enough engi-

neers coming out of the schools right now for what the need is projected to be in the future so excluding women and minorities would be a bad thing,” she said. “I’d love to see the numbers grow to 50 percent and women can do it.

Drew Grills, a Non Appropriated Funds programmer, has worked with Ms. Manly for 15 years, and said it’s a pleasure to work for her.

“She is a very dedicated employee and Robins is lucky to have her,” he said. “The award was deserved.”

Thomas Philpot, a 778th CES contract programmer, agreed.

“In the years she’s been here she has done an extraordinary job in terms of managing,” he said. “She is enthusiastic about getting the job done and works hard. She is a very intelligent and knowledgeable individual.”

A registered professional engineer in Georgia and a member of the National Registry of Environmental Managers, Ms. Manley received a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering from Purdue University and a master’s degree in sanitary engineering from the University of Washington. She holds a post master’s diploma in toxicology and epidemiology from the University of Minnesota, and is a resident of Elko, Ga.

U-2

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people at the static display (in the JSTARS hangar). While they are looking everything over, they will be able to ask the pilots and support personnel questions about the aircraft.”

Buses will run every 30 minutes to shuttle people from Building 350 to the JSTARS hangar for the event.

Ms. King said the event is open to all 330th ISRG employees and their families.

The 330th ISRG staff will provide video footage of the U-2

in their conference room and break area, as well as informational write-ups about the aircraft and other missions in their Heritage Hall, an area where a collection of U-2 items are displayed.

The new, 1/8-scale U-2 Model, donated to Robins by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, L-3 Communications, British Aerospace Engineering, General Electric, BF Goodrich and Raytheon, will be unveiled Thursday and displayed on a pedestal outside Building 350.

“We work very closely with these contracting agencies,” said Ms. King. “So, we are very

WHAT TO KNOW

Robins will host a dedication ceremony for the 1/8 scale U-2S Model in front of Building 350 Thursday at 8 a.m.; the Museum of Aviation will host a dedication ceremony in honor of their new U-2 exhibit, at 10 a.m. the same day.

happy to receive this gift that celebrates the 50 years of U-2 world-wide reconnaissance. This was a ‘black world’ (highly classified) program for many years. Most people from Robins didn’t know we even existed or

even exist today. This model will help educate the base populace on one of the many aircraft and reconnaissance programs we support.”

Bob Perraut, U-2 air frame program manager with the 330th ISRG, who serves as the central point of contact for the U-2 event, said Robins is proud to be hosting the celebration.

“Very few people know that Robins is the single manager for the U-2,” he said. “We are the single point for U-2 sustainment in support of field organizations that use this high tech aircraft performing world-wide reconnaissance missions daily.”



U.S. Air Force photo by FRED CUSICK

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. -- Senior Master Sgt. Michael Flake checks out the new, more ergonomic crew cabin seats being installed in Air Force Reserve Command HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters. He is the lead engineer for the seat replacement project and is assigned to the 305th Rescue Squadron here.

Reserve improves safety, floor space on rescue helicopters

Air Force Reserve Command News Service

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command’s 15 combat search and rescue helicopters will get improved crew seats and more cabin space to care for rescued people when modifications are complete this year.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters will feature safer, more ergonomic cabin crew seats, and new auxiliary fuel tanks will add more than 7 square feet of useable cabin space and reduce aircraft gross weight.

“The 305th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., was the first unit in the Air Force to get these new features,” said Mark McUmbert, Pave Hawk program manager for AFRC. “We’ve had four kits delivered. The new modifications have been tested for airworthiness, and the next step is to use them in an operational environment.”

Coordinated effort

A squadron HH-60G received the first modifications in June after a coordinated effort by Reserve maintainers, operators and planners along with contractors, representatives from Air Force Special Operations Command and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Three of the helicopters will soon use the improved fuel tanks in Afghanistan, officials said. Aircraft maintainers will install the new seats when they receive technical order data.

The search and rescue and special operations communities have desired the modifications for a long time, said Chief Master Sgt. Craig Bergman, 943rd Maintenance Squadron superintendent at Davis-Monthan.

“We were looking for a way to lighten our total load and provide additional cabin space,” he said.

Originally submitted in 2001, the request was not fully acted on until the combat search and rescue mission was turned over to AFSOC and its AFRC counterparts.

“AFSOC didn’t have the funding to perform a fleet-wide modification, but AFRC found a way to do it by using priority funding avenues made available in the war on terrorism,” Mr. McUmbert said.

The fuel tank

Each modification is a sepa-

rate action. It takes a few hours to replace the internal auxiliary fuel tank with a slimmer unit in the rear of the helicopter. The new 200-gallon tank fits flush across the back of the crew compartment, freeing up nearly 15 inches of floor space once taken up by the older tank that protruded into the cabin area.

“The 15 extra inches may not seem like much, but to a helicopter crew, the extra space is significant, especially when you’re loaded with equipment or have (pararescuemen) working on the injured back there,” Mr. McUmbert said.

The crew seats

Replacing the crew seats is a more involved modification that takes several days to complete. The seat modification will begin in earnest once technical order data is distributed to the field. By the end of the year, all of the command’s HH-60s will be equipped with the new seats, AFRC officials said.

Maj. Pete Kern called the aircrew seat modification a flight safety improvement.

“The improved cabin seating increases aircrew survivability by reducing injury in hard landings,” said the 10th Air Force combat search and rescue special operations officer at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. “The new seat allows easier access to the cabin and crew-served weapons, and it reduces aircrew fatigue on extended missions.”

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Flake, 305th RQS, is the lead flight engineer for the seat replacement project.

The sergeant survived a helicopter crash in 1994 and said he knows the value of improved seating. He was standing in the door during a canyon rescue when the chopper crashed. Both seats broke off the floor mounts.

“I always thought we could use better seats,” he said. “The current seats aren’t adjustable and are uncomfortable. They really tire you out, especially on a long mission. This new seat adjusts up and down and fore and aft so you can sit exactly how you want for hoisting or scanning.”

And for others, it’s the added comfort that they look forward to, Sergeant Flake said.

“Flight engineers and gunners have wanted a better seat for a long time,” he said. “(AFRC was) able to get it done.”

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Mark McUmbert

Pave Hawk program manager for AFRC

Predictability added to deployed travel

By **TECH. SGT. J. LAVOIE**
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – Most deployed Airmen know how far along they are in their rotation and when they expect to return home.

Until recently, that date was mostly speculation, but, thanks to aggregation, Airmen will know exactly when their replacement is coming and when they will leave.

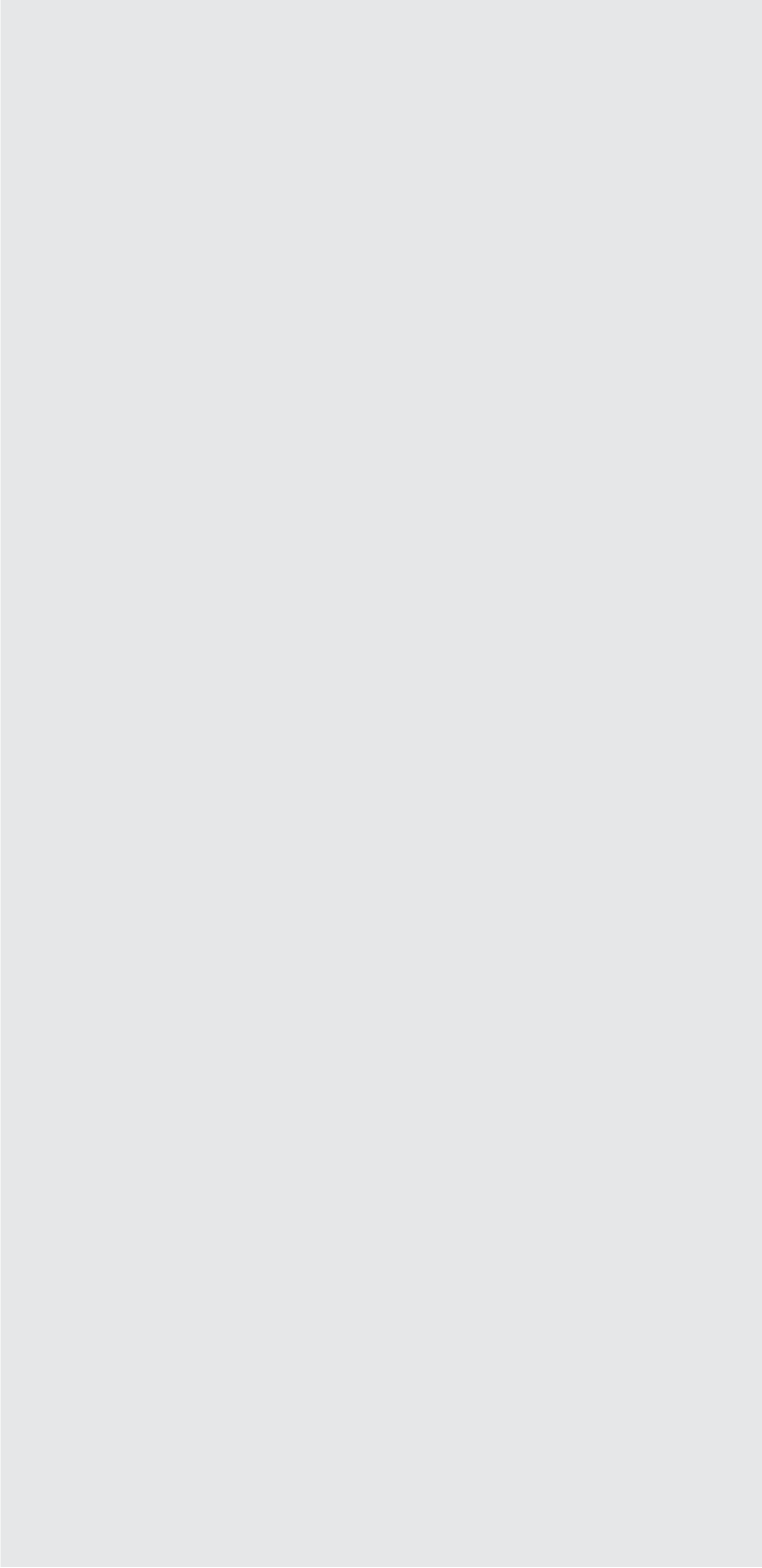
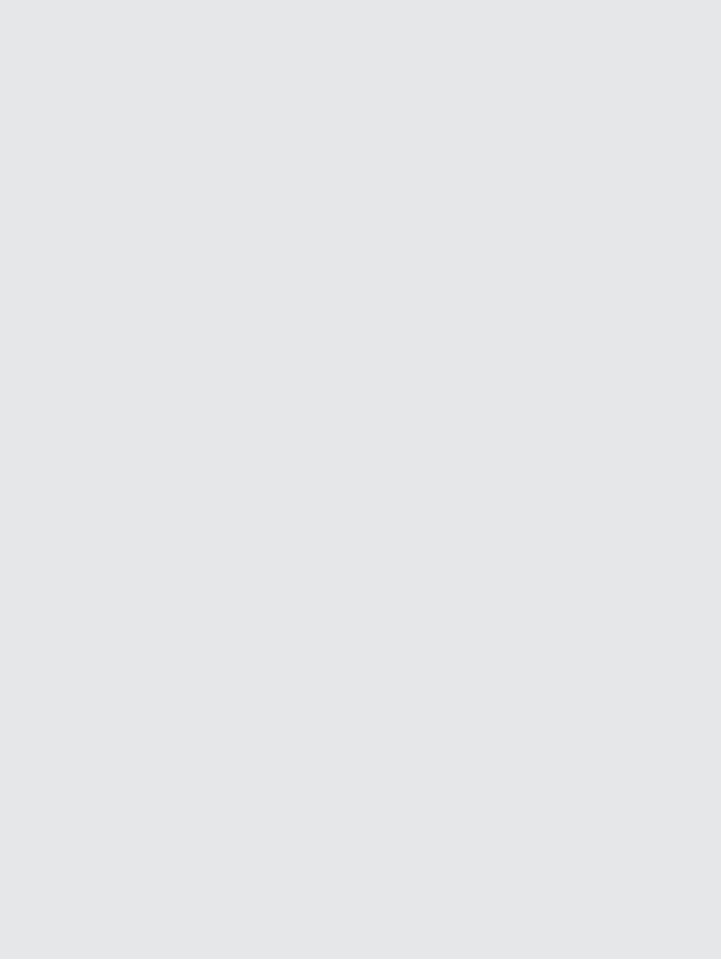
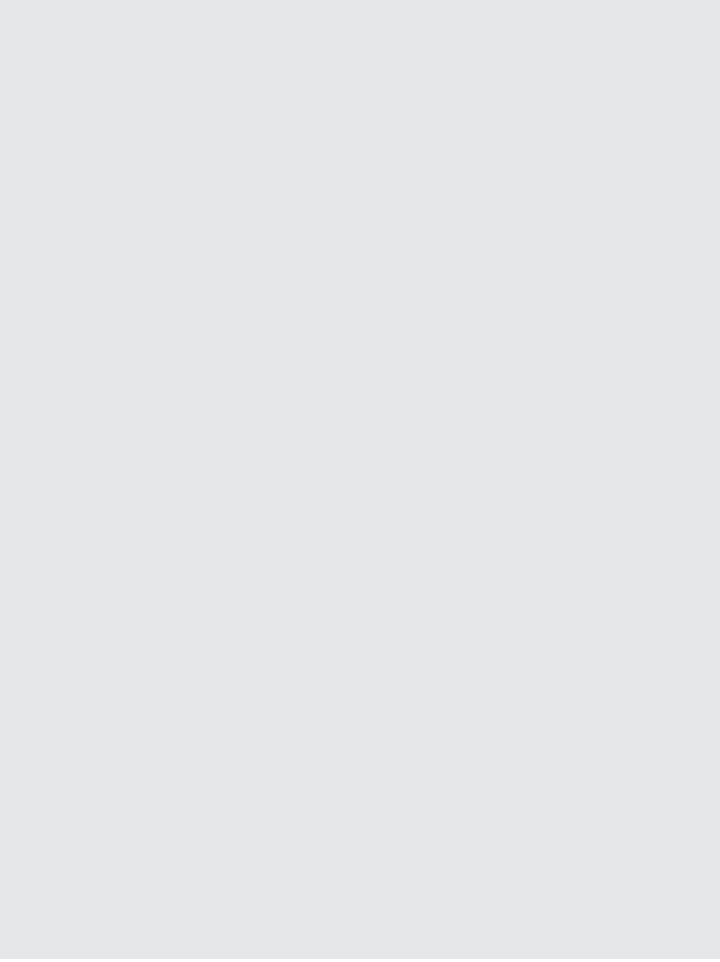
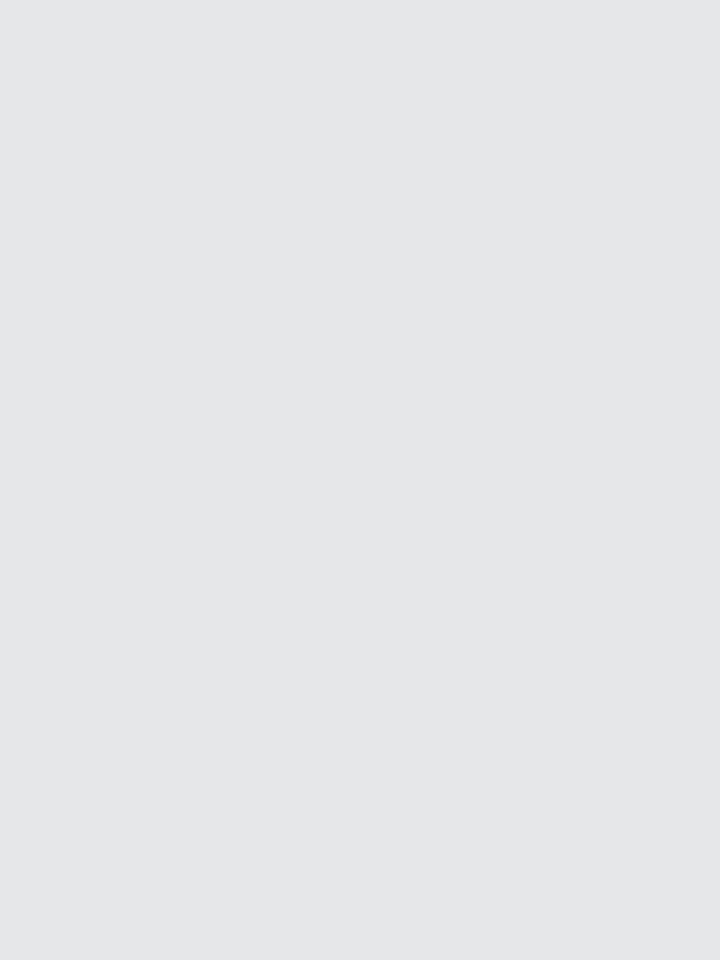
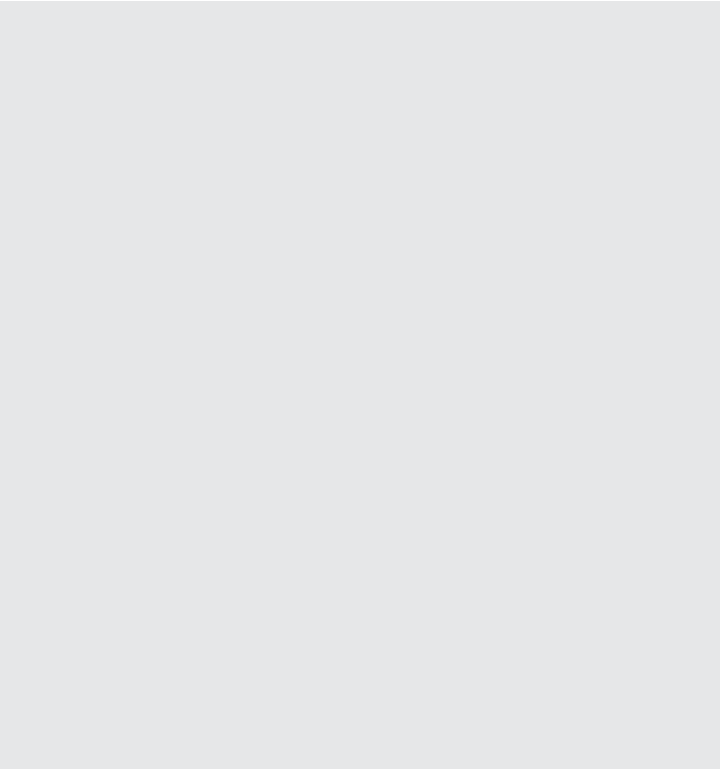
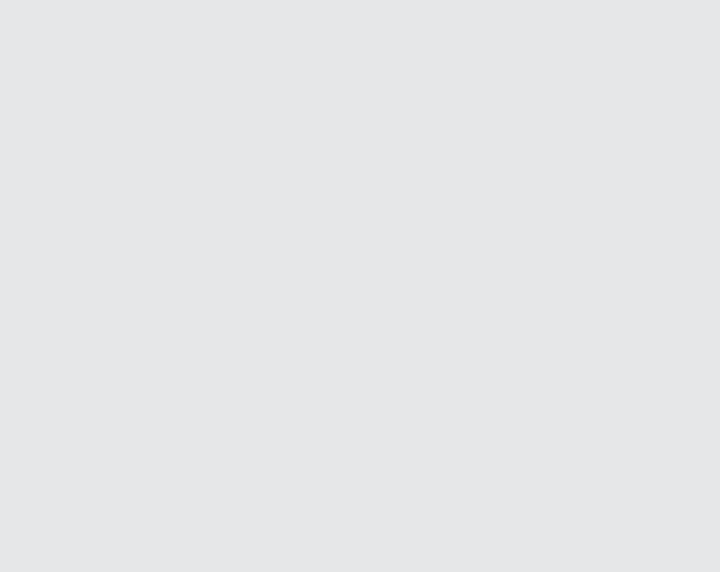
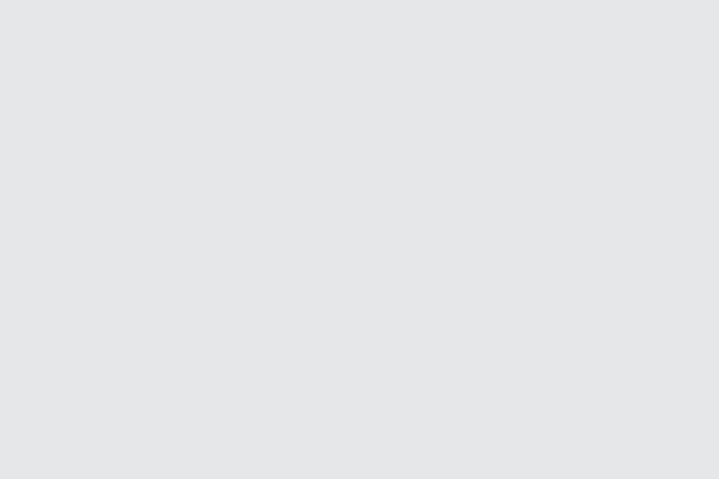
U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials have implemented this new program providing visibility on when incoming Airmen are supposed to arrive and, therefore, when departing Airmen should leave. Because these dates are set well in advance, there is no more guessing as to when a replacement should arrive or if they are on a certain plane. This program is not completely new. It was used to schedule Airmen arriving in

theater during the past few rotations.

“They did such a great job of getting people over here during the last (air and space expeditionary force,) they are taking it one step further,” said Col. Scott Mason, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander here. “This adds predictability for Airmen so they can let families and loved ones back in the United States know when they are getting home.”

Once the time phase force deployment data sheet is confirmed and unit deployment managers start giving Airmen the dates they are going home, those dates are unlikely to change. This means Airmen should return home within five days from the date they are given by their unit deployment managers.

Airmen will also know further out when their replacements will arrive.



“The DoD is proud of its contributions to assuring this safe and successful launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery.”

Col. Mark Owen, 45th Space Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., about the launch on Tuesday

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Airmen support counterdrug mission in Manta

OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN -- Senior Airman Justin Hunter, a KC-135 Stratotanker boom operator, refuels an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control systems aircraft over the Pacific Ocean near the west coast of Ecuador.

What do you do when no one is watching?

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP)N – When you think of the expectations you have for your organization, superiors, peers and subordinates, what comes to mind? What core belief, beyond any other, are you adamant on to the last stand?

Of course, many of us would be able to rattle off the Air Force core values without a thought or extra breath. However, maybe there is something even deeper, yet more simplistic, than those three bold statements. Something like, “Do the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

Several years ago while working at an office in Europe, I heard a new Air Force Office of Special Investigations region commander explain his expectations for OSI agents in Europe. During his speech, he methodically returned to his basic standpoint of above all else, “Do the right thing.”

No matter if it was during a witness interview, while conducting threat assessments in

Latvia or performing background investigation checks in Germany, he always said, “Do the right thing.”

I, along with many others who heard that commander speak, have taken that bit of professional and personal advice to heart. I now feel that subtle, yet powerful, phrase is the key to a strong ethical code.

So, how do you follow this code and make the right choices and actions? Is there a magic formula or an instruction that outlines how a person should make decisions and act?

No, unfortunately there is not. We must depend on our training, personal integrity and commitment to each other.

To abide by this expectation, we have to remain true to our training and cannot cut corners, bend the rules or stretch the truth.

For example, at a recent meeting, I witnessed a foreign national counterpart decline alcohol refreshments because his commander – hundreds of miles away – issued an order

that prohibited his nation’s personnel from consuming alcohol while in theater.

Even though others were able to indulge, and there was little chance anyone would find out, my friend stuck to his personal obligation to do the right thing. I respect my friend for his courage and commitment to duty.

In addition to staying true to the rules of our profession, we must insist on the integrity to take the path of the challenging right over the simple wrong.

For instance, when we are performing duty within the restricted area on the flightline and observe someone who may be unauthorized, we must put forth the extra effort to challenge the individual rather than letting the next technician confront that person.

Although we are busy, that extra effort sets us above other professions. In the end, an honorable life is more rewarding than an easy one.

The last portion of this expectation is to have the

yearning and commitment to watch out for each other. Simple things such as replenishing paper towels in the bathrooms and engaging each other in conversations about life can accomplish this.

We should exploit the chance to mentor and develop each person and grade at every opportunity and share the principles of leadership and management regardless of our own rank.

We must develop and nurture the people we work with as we perform as a team to uphold the high expectations we have for our profession and selves.

“Do the right thing.” It is a simple approach to life that is the critical core to a strong ethical code. By living by this philosophy, we remain faithful to our vocation, ourselves and each other.

This commentary was written by Special Agent Jason Engholm, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Det. 246.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander’s
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Distance Learning Center

The Distance Learning Center in Building 301 has saved untold thousands of dollars over recent years by allowing remote training from AFIT and other originating sites. The equipment when first installed was leading edge. However, the base has not made a significant system upgrade in several years, choosing just to replace broken equipment. Now state-of-the-art equipment has gone well past the level of the existing equipment. The LAN cables are old, with intermittent shorts and open circuits. The microphones are so old that the paint is yellowing. The projection system uses large TV's with poor sound. There are no telephones in the room for calling instructors at remote locations during the classes. There are no PCs installed for looking at Web site information being taught as hands-on in the classes, and there are not even enough LAN connections to hook up a laptop as a temporary measure.

Commander's reply: The Distance Learning Center is certainly a vital asset to Robins and should be upgraded to the latest standards. We previously conducted a review of the facility and equipment and have set a course of action to procure and install the required equipment. You are correct, our equipment was not leading edge; however, we diverted five new computers designated for use elsewhere to the DLC. You noticed that our LAN cables were old. We have rearranged the LAN cables to correct the wire clutter by installing ceiling-mounted projectors, 8-foot screens, and amplified audio sets to alleviate the cluttered appearance and disruptions to the users. You also mentioned that there were no telephones in the room for calling instructors at remote locations. We have now upgraded the telephone line to accommodate long distance telephone services so that students can communicate with remotely-located instructors, as needed. Additionally, a contractor will conduct a site visit to provide us a quote for new microphone technology requirements. As you mentioned, funding is an issue; however, we will identify DLC funding as shortfall requests for fiscal 2005 fallout money and if provided, we will use those funds to purchase state-of-the-art microphones and other facility upgrades as needed.

If you have additional questions, call Lt. Col. Ken Smalls at 327-7333.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: What is the CCN office doing for the implementation of National Security Personnel System for the civilian work force at Robins?

A: The CCN office is dedicated to providing the most current and up-to-date information pertaining to NSPS to all employees at Robins. The office continues to work local issues with Air Force Materiel Command Headquarters and Air Force on the implementation of NSPS as we integrate NSPS into the Robins work force. In an effort to provide the most current information on NSPS, CCN has established a WR-ALC NSPS Community of Practice (COP) on Air Force Knowledge Now. The COP for

those of you who have not had a chance to review is located at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppn/npss/>; or you can access it through the Robins Home Page under Personnel. We are also working with the Centers (Product/Logistic) that are scheduled for implementation during spiral 1.1 on their lessons learned. In an on going effort to better serve the work force, the CCN office continues to build its staff by gaining specific subject matter personnel. During the month of July, John Pugh, labor relations specialist, and Judy Perry, human resource specialist (employee relations) joined the CCN Office. Additional personnel will be added in the future in the areas of human

resource specialist (staffing and classification), and financial management and program analysis. The CCN office has prepared an overview presentation of NSPS. It's an excellent source of basic information for all employees and can be presented at an organizational call, staff meetings, etc. For more information on the presentation or to schedule a presentation time, call the CCN office at 926- 4023.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of July 18 through 24, two members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

►A staff sergeant broke a no-contact order. **Punishment:** Reduction to

senior airman and 15 days extra duty.

►A senior airman failed to maintain funds to pay debts. **Punishment:** Suspended reduction to airman first class. 30 days extra duty.

There was one administrative discharge under the rapid airman dis-

charge program for this time period.

►A senior airman was administratively discharged for adjustment disorder. Member received an honorable discharge.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The “Put your hands together for...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an

award included in the “Put your hands together for...” page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215.

Submissions that are brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

► 653rd CLSS maintenance worker earns 2005 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Maintenance Award

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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Senior Airman Jason DeFranco works hard to help keep Robins' aircraft repaired - and it shows.

Airman DeFranco, a depot aircraft structural maintenance journeyman with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, was presented with the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Maintenance Award at the Center's senior staff meeting July 14.

The Air Force Materiel Command-level award is earned by aircraft maintainers who demonstrate the highest level of sustained job performance, job efficiency and results, job knowledge, and direct sortie generation involvement.

The 25-year-old California native said earning the award came as a surprise.

“I didn’t even know I was nominated for it,” he said. “I think it's going to help me reach my goal of becoming a first sergeant one day.”

Master Sgt. Shawn O’Gorman, Depot Aircraft Structural Maintenance Section chief, said no matter what mission is at hand, Airman DeFranco is always in the middle of its success.

“Airman DeFranco epitomizes what we need in the Air Force,” he said. “He’s the type of Airman you can give any task to and be confident he can accomplish that task.

“In a shop where over 80 technicians are staffed at technical sergeant and above, Airman DeFranco stands out as someone who can compete in maintenance and professionalism with some of the finest noncommissioned officers out there,” he added. “We go TDY all over the country, repairing aircraft so we can get them back to the war fighter, and he is right there to get the job done.”

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Stees, depot aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, Airman DeFranco’s supervisor, said he’s certain the Airman has a promising career ahead of him.

“I think it’s great that he has been cho-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Jason DeFranco prepares holes from reaming on a leading edge of an F-15. Airman DeFranco, a depot aircraft structural maintenance journeyman with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, was presented with the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Maintenance Award.

sen for this award,” he said. “We are limited in the Airmen field, and it's nice to see some of the lower ranks coming up and

doing just as much as the upper ranks are doing, basically at the same confidence level.”

► 402nd MXW FOD award winner



Courtesy photo

The Equipment Maintenance Group, supervised by Terry Phillips, left, won the 402nd MXW FOD award for the 2nd quarter 2005. Kenneth Percell, 402nd Maintenance Wing director, right, presented the award to the winning team.

The Equipment Maintenance Group, MXVBSD, supervised by Terry Phillips won the 402nd MXW FOD award for the 2nd quarter 2005. Mr. Phillips has more than 24 years as a civil service employee at Robins. When asked what he thought helped most to win this award, he said "my best asset is working with people."

The ceremony was held in the Support Equipment Production Section among the award winners and their peers. The award was presented to the winning team by Kenneth Percell, 402nd Maintenance Wing director.

The award was established to raise Foreign Object Damage (FOD) awareness throughout the

wing. Mr. Phillips and his employees received a score of 75 of 75 possible points in the area of compliance with FOD related policies and requirements while maintaining a neat and orderly work place. In addition, MXVBSD received 5 bonus points for a special initiative called buddy checks which was incorporated into their morning standup and their FOD walk around process for a total of 80 points.

Mr. Phillips gives all of the credit for receiving this award to an outstanding group of people who are committed to a FOD free maintenance environment. He said the FOD program is a good incentive for the people in the Maintenance Wing and a morale builder.

► Keep on clapping...

330th C2ISR Sustainment Group 2nd quarter 2005 Award winners:

2nd Lt. Lindsey K. Slack,
Company Grade Officer
Staff Sgt. Tamar V.

Matthews, Noncommissioned Officer

Gary G. Conlee, Supervisor
James H. Godfrey, GS-11-13
Glenda Tuberville, GS-06

and below

Amelia Grubbs, Contractor
Capt.Jackie M. Crosby,

Master Sgt. Alfred Mulliken III,
Tech. Sgt. Cecil E. White,
Evelyn R. Porcher, Jennifer W.
Stafford, Brian K. Hughes,
Michael J. Murant, Team Award

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Retirements as of July 12:
David Aikens
Carolyn P. Barfield
Wolfgang Bode
Dale D. Brinkman
Wayne L. Davidson

Philip J. Diguardi Jr.
Steven W. Ellis
Carmine J. Forzono
Gary D. Gordon
Randy L. Haag
Douglas W. Jones
Nancy M. Klam
Linda H. Maycroft
Juan P. Segura Jr.
Dorothy J. Stephens
Carolyn A. Ryg
Mack W. Walton



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Workers perform programmed depot maintenance on an F-15. Instead of working on the aircraft 'from the cradle to the grave,' mechanics work on the aircraft in cells.

Lean and Mean

F-15 workers keep 'em flying without missing a beat

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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The F-15 production division is looking at a future that's bright, a work force that's flexible and production goals that continue to be met on time and on cost.

Just a few years ago, the F-15 production area looked and operated a little differently than today, and one of the changing factors has been the implementation of Lean.

"One of the biggest differences we've seen is that prior to Lean we were in a shop environment where an aircraft would come in and stay in one place and all of the mechanics would come in and work on it," said Buck Whelchel, F-15 "B" section chief. "The mechanics were assigned to that aircraft, and they would work it from cradle to grave until it went to functional test."

The new way

Today the aircraft progresses in a moving line from station to station or cell to cell where specific work is done in each cell.

"By doing that, it created a way to put the right manpower, support equipment and skill sets in the correct places," said Mr. Whelchel. "Where we used to have to fight for special tooling and support equipment, now we only need it in one area. It made a big savings as far as equipment. It also ended the fight for skill sets because they are all in one area and specialize in the work they do."

George Reid, another section chief, said they've seen Lean evolve from the beginning stages and production rates remain constant.

"It's an ever changing process," he said. "It's not something you get into and do it that way forever, it's always changing. You're always trying to improve it."

The goals

One of leadership's long-range goals in this area is to train all personnel so they are able to take on any job within the division.

"At any time you should be able to say I'm short in cell 3 or 4 and go over to cell 1 and pull a person that is proficient in the work that's needed," said Mr. Whelchel. "That's a long range goal because of the training that must go on."

According to the section chiefs, there is currently a plan in the works, which involves the local union, to design a rotation plan where workers are actually moved around and their training is tracked. Once everyone receives all of the needed training the work force will have full flexibility.

"Even now we are able to move certain mechanics into certain positions depending on the certification and qualifications needed for that particular cell, basically your aircraft and electrical skills," said David Pryor, F-15 maintenance deputy section chief.

Tim Sims, F-15 "A" section chief, said the ultimate goal is to have a more proficient work force so that we can provide a better quality product to

the war fighter.

"As we get more into it, our flexibility will increase," he said. "The ultimate goal is to not only have the work force be able to move from dock to dock, but from anywhere in the flow and be able to hit the ground running. This is an evolutionary Lean process, Lean is going to drive it, and we are using Lean tools to design it."

The plan would cross train workers into various areas of F-15 production.

According to Mr. Pryor, five years ago the experience level for the average F-15 mechanic ranged between 10 and 15 years.

"Because of the work force we've had in place over the last five years that has dwindled down to where we're currently at 33 percent turnover rate this year alone," he said. "So, our work force out there now has a maximum of three years experience and a minimum of one. Lean gave us the flexibility to put people where they are best suited."

Compare and contrast

Mr. Reid said that when he hears comparisons to auto assembly lines, the concept is a little off the mark.

"We are a unique Lean situation here," he said. "We aren't really a production line like you would see at Toyota - who everyone likes to compare us to. We're more like you taking a car and running it down the production line and then putting 200,000 miles on it. Then take it all apart and try to run it down that same production line."



Barry Swafford, 2882 work leader electrician, works on the air data system in the cockpit of an F-15 in cell 6.



Barry Swafford, works on the air data system in the cockpit of an F-15 in cell 6. The production division's plan is to cross train-workers into various areas of F-15 production using Lean.



Jonathan Parrish, aircraft sheet metal mechanic, removes a bolt from an F-15 rudder actuator.

TODAY

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 3:30 p.m., at the Base Theater. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

The Joint Forces bingo has new surprises and door prizes, and is located in the east wing of the enlisted club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with bar bingo at 6 p.m. and games at 7:15 p.m. Games are 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DoD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information, call 926-4515.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday at the bowling center from 9 - 11 p.m. Friday is family night, kids 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5 and kids 12 years old and older for \$10. Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information, call 926-2112.

SATURDAY

A junior club championship is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, call 926-4103.

A Monte Carlo night, with black-jack, Texas Hold 'Em, roulette and more, will be from 7 - 11 p.m. at the officers' club. Enjoy free hors d'oeuvre, \$300 in poker money, two free beverage tickets and breakfast at 11 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members.

MONDAY

An ice cream social will be today at 10:30 am. at the Base Library, Building 905, to celebrate the end of the "Be a Bookworm" summer reading program. For more information, call 327-7380.

2005 SNCO Induction Seminar - "Unprecedented SNCOs in Unprecedented Times" - will be held today through Aug. 5 at the Robins Conference Center. The seminar is mandatory for all master sergeantt selects. For more information, call Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe at 222-0178 or Master Sgt. Sonya Stoute at 327-7994.

Register by today for Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care Aug. 5 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

Come out and enjoy line dance lessons every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets at

Let’s celebrate



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Let’s Celebrate Summer Bash will be held Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Robins Park. There will be a fireworks show over Duck Lake around 9:20 p.m. Rides and attractions will include: two climbing walls, hoops basketball challenge, adrenaline rush obstacle course, 9-hole miniature golf course, passenger train, kiddy city, spinning strawberry, merry-go-round, wave of fire slide, swing ride, and turbo tubs ride. For \$5, people can purchase a wristband which will allow them to ride all the rides. Admission is free for children ages 2 and younger. The fitness center will have fit for fun events during the bash, including a kids homerun derby at 1 p.m.; an adult 5-on-5 dodge ball tournament at 3 p.m.; double horseshoe tournament at 4:30 p.m.; and an adult homerun derby contest at 6 p.m.(men's and women's division). Prizes for winners and runners-up will be awarded. To participate, sign up at the fitness center. For more information, call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday at the enlisted club from 8 p.m. - midnight.

WEDNESDAY

The Ravens Toastmasters Club meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For more information, call Altry James at 222-2245.

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Procurement Toastmasters Club meets at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Reservations for Surfing for Seniors, an Internet basics class, should be made by today. The class will be held at the library Aug. 8 at 10 am. For more information, call Sam Schlafer at 327-8762.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the enlisted club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment.

UPCOMING

A Quartermania will be held Aug. 5, 12

and 19 from 1 - 8 p.m. at the bowling center. Pay \$5 per person and then pay a quarter for each game you bowl and a quarter for shoes.

Past and current 34th Maintenance Squadron, 402nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and 622nd CLSS members are invited to attend a reunion picnic Aug. 13, beginning at noon at the picnic pavilion by the Fitness Center. To R.S.V.P., call 926-3115 or 926-2912 by Aug. 5.

Letters of intent for flag football are due by Aug. 5. For more information, call 926-2128.

The fitness center will be starting a tennis league with a pre-season tournament Aug. 10 - 12. Regular league play will begin Aug. 16. Interested players need to sign up with their sports representative or at the fitness center by Aug. 5. A players' meeting will be held Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Siudzinski or Kenneth Porter at 926-2128.

Enjoy a couple's night out while playing a 9-hole scramble Aug. 10 and 24 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per annual green fee couple or \$35 per non-annual green fee couple and includes green fee, golf car, food and prizes.

Belly dancing classes will be held Aug. 12 and continue every Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. The 6-week course costs \$60 per person. Register now at the Smith Community Center. Must be 12 years old and older to register. For more information, call 926-2105.

A Robins Air Force Base Open golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 13 - 14. Cost is \$50 for annual green fee members and \$80 for guests and includes green fee, golf car and prizes. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

A scrap booking class will be held Aug. 13 from noon - 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. For more information, call 926-2105.

Robins Company Grade Officers' Association will hold its summer social and membership drive Aug. 19, from 3 -8 p.m. at the Officers' Club poolside patio. All commanders, CGOs, and their families are invited to this free evening of swimming, food, fun and games. Activities include Texas Hold'em style poker, volleyball, and horseshoe tournaments, as well as a variety of games for kids. There will also be a game of Assassins running throughout the night. Dress is summer attire or swimsuit. To attend, R.S.V.P. by Aug. 10 to Capt. Aaron Neiss at 222-0127 or aaron.neiss@robins.af.mil; or 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz at 926-3443 or eric.florschuetz@robins.af.mil.

A four play walleyball tournament will be held Aug. 20 at 10 am. Awards for first and second place teams. For more information and to register, call 926-2128.

Command Texas Hold 'Em tournament starts Aug. 20. Enjoy eight weeks of play with one winner advancing to win the coveted Command Championship with a grand prize of \$1,500. Winner will receive a club card credit of the amount won (must be a club member to win prizes). Free to club members and nonmembers \$15. For more information, call 926-4515.

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a special activities coffee Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation (Hanger One). Representatives from base and community organizations will be on hand to provide helpful information about Middle Georgia. Get out of the house and enjoy OSC special activities, clubs and volunteer opportunities including: bowling, book club, bridge, bunko, golf, mahjongg, play group, scrap booking, tennis, thrift shop, and tours. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Nandalee Sarandos, OSC president, at 953-8137, 442-1567 or RobinsOSC@gmail.com or Heather Walrath, OSC member, at 218-0493 or hhillw@hotmail.com.

A dinner dance will be held Aug. 27 at the officers' club. Dinner with an array of choices from the menu will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. Dancing will be from 7 - 11 p.m. in the ballroom with musical entertainment by Bob Cummings. For more information, call 926-2670.

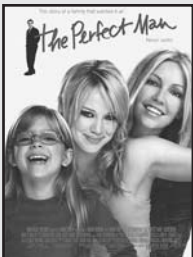
The Al-Sihah Shriners circus will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at ITT; \$10 adults and \$5 children (4 - 12 years). Show times are Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 1:30 and 5 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

Arts & Crafts The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificated presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

ITT has tickets for the Oct. 1 and 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. This is for both days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 and 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information, call 926-2945.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

The Perfect Man

Hilary Duff, Heather Locklear (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Holly conceives the perfect plan for the perfect man - an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother Jean and boost her shaky self-esteem. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor, borrowing her friend's charming and handsome Uncle Ben as the face behind the e-mails, notes and gifts. Holly must resort to increasingly desperate measures to keep the ruse alive and protect her mom's newfound happiness, almost missing the real perfect man when he does come along. Rated PG (some mildly suggestive content) 111 minutes

SATURDAY

Batman Begins

Christian Bale, Ken Watanabe

In the wake of his parent's murder, industrial heir Bruce travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego, Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength and intellect to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city. Rated PG-13 (intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements) 134 minutes

UPCOMING

Aug. 5: Herbie:Fully Loaded
Aug. 6: War of the Worlds

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

William T. Cody, WR-ALC/LUJH. Point of contact is Larry Layfield at 926-7029. Alan Miller, 330th SASG/EN. Point of contact is Wes Peavy at 926-6864. Caye Thompson, 78thMSS/DPCSA. Point of contact is Linda Veal at 222-0664. Submissions run for two weeks.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Staff Sgt. Louis McCoy, left, and Staff Sgt. Robert Hammack dry a ‘victim’ during the 78th Medical Group’s decontamination process practice July 21.

78th Medical group prepares for possible biological emergencies

By **Lanorris Askew**
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The 78th Medical Group’s In Place Patient Decontamination Team spent two days last week training on new equipment which, in case of a biological or radiological emergency, could help save lives and halt the spread of contamination. According to Capt. Lauren Ramsey, 78th Medical Group medical readiness officer, the new equipment, which is valued between \$30,000 and \$35,000, is meant to assist patients who have been exposed to biological or radiological agents. The training was part of the Air Force Weapons of Mass Destruction First Responder Program.

“The equipment is set up outside of the hospital for any type of spill or incident on base that would cause patients to become contaminated,” she said.

“Patients may leave a disaster scene without getting the proper treatment or becoming decontaminated and attempt to come to the Medical Group. What we have is a decontamination system where they’ll get decontaminated before they are seen, which stops the spread of further contamination.”

During the training, medical technicians ran through a capstone scenario where they explored all of the medical aspects of a chemical disaster.

“They triaged the patients as they come through and took

extra care of patients who couldn’t walk or move,” said Captain Ramsey.

They wore suits which consist of air purification systems that filter air, enabling them to breathe as they treat those that may have been contaminated.

Before the scenario the team was briefed by a new trainer.

“They had classroom training one day, and the next day they learned how to set up the equipment and put on the gear,” she said. “The last event was pulling everything together they had learned the whole week. We ran through a scenario with simulated patients so we can see how they did their jobs.”

The captain said the team has been assembled for quite some time and trains every other month. Last week’s training was to ensure they were familiar with the new equipment which has more up-to-date capabilities.



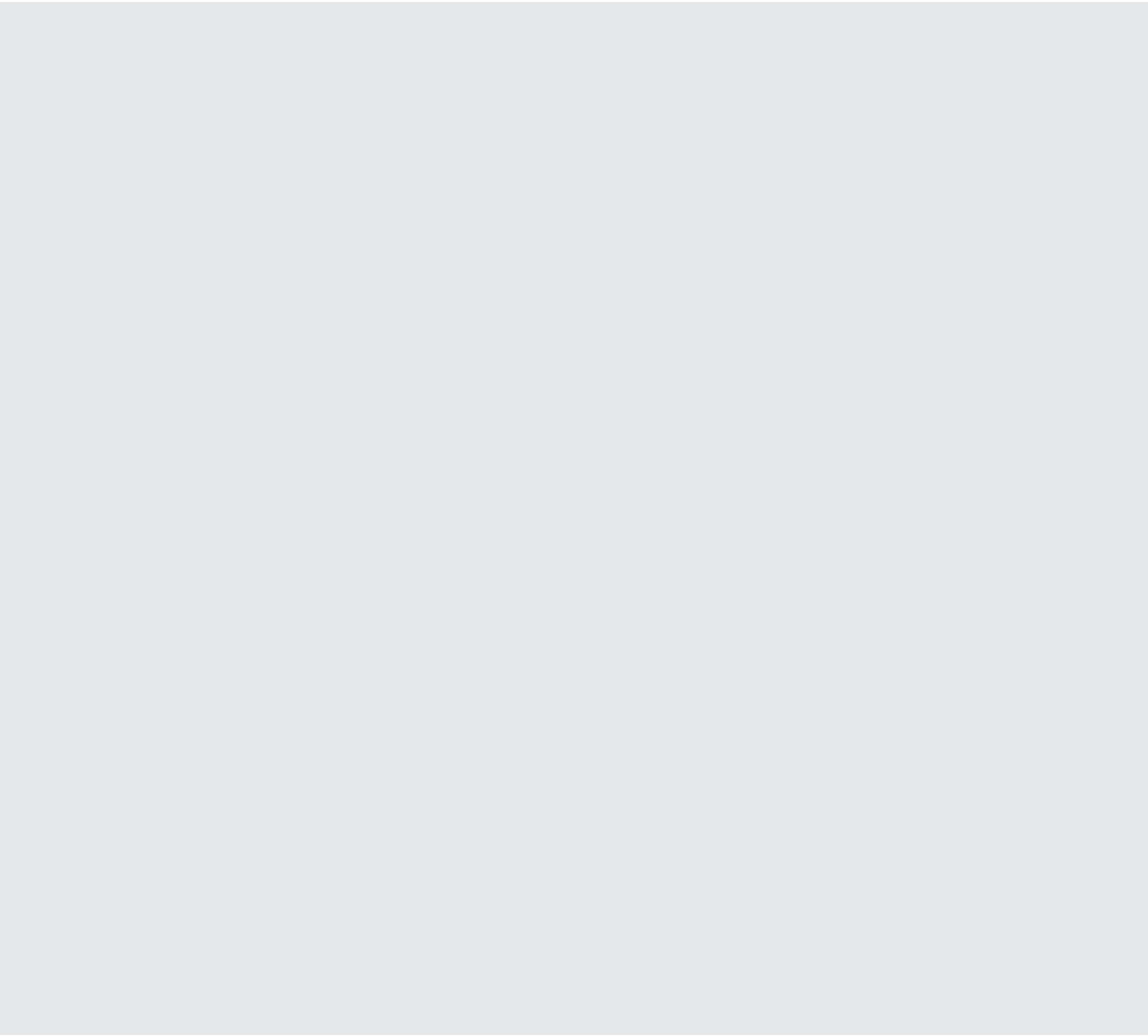
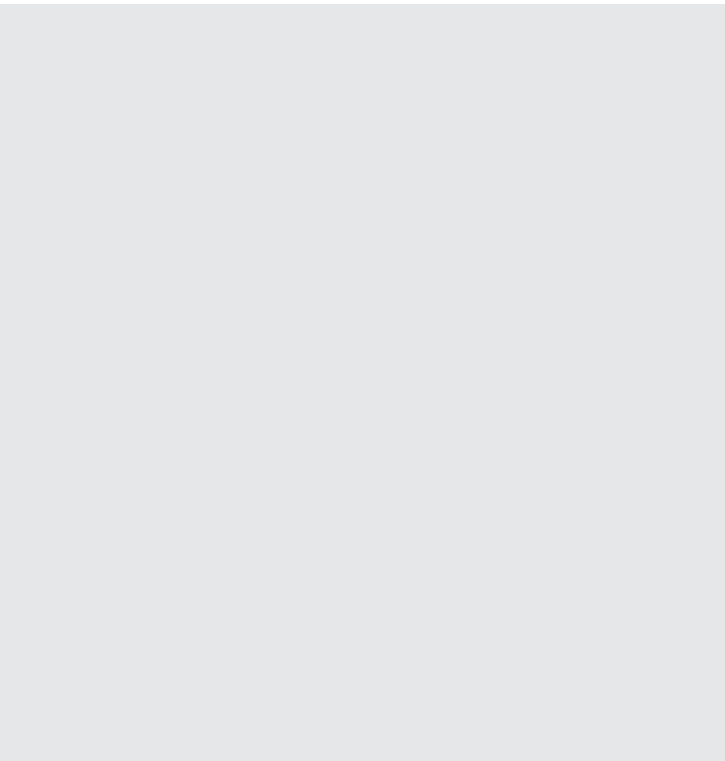
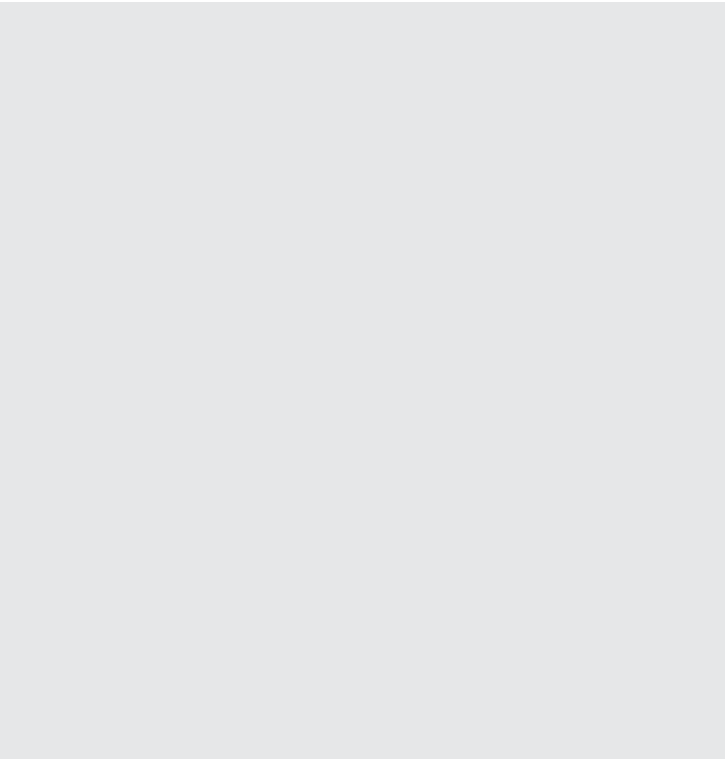
Capt. Lauren Ramsey is the 78th Medical Group medical readiness officer.



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Shooting for the stars

Former Harlem Globetrotters Michael 'Memphis' Douglas, left, and Antoine 'Rythm' Scott balance spinning basketballs on their fingertips during the 'Shoot for the Stars' basketball camp held July 18-22 at the youth center. About 100 kids attended the camp.





U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. AL GERLOFF

Airmen keep mission rolling

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Tech. Sgt. Carlos de los Santos secures and tightens a cargo strap before loading it onto a C-17 Globemaster III at a forward-deployed location. He is the pallets and nets manager with the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for full-time duty

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force Reserve officials are looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

“We have opportunities in many specialties but a larger concentration in career fields such as security forces, combat rescue, intelligence, maintenance, space, pilot and personnel,” said Maj. Dawn Sutor, deputy director of the office of Air Force Reserve’s AGR management office. “Currently, Air Force Reserve Command’s hard-to-fill positions are in security forces, intelligence and combat rescue. We are actively seeking volunteers for these programs.”

Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority

ON THE WEB

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program, is available on the AFRC Web site under job opportunities at www.afrc.af.mil/.

of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afforded to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.

The program offers tours of duty on the Air Staff; AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Air Reserve Personnel Center headquarters in Denver; in AFRC units; and with other major commands.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Seeing more stars



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Country music singer Raymond Harris signs autographs at the base exchange July 22.

